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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATIONS DURING
VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MINK

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1. FROST DID NOT PREPARE ANY MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATIONS HELD BY MRS. MINK, AS HE AWARE THAT GOA USUALLY PREPARED EXTENSIVE AND ACCURATE NOTES WHICH ARE REGULARLY MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH OFTEN CONSIDERABLY AFTER THE FACT. AFTER MUCH PUSHING WE HAVE FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN REQUESTED MATERIAL WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT VIA AIRGRAM.

2. NOTES PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE DID NOT TAKE FORM OF FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, BUT WERE RATHER INCLUDED IN A LETTER BY J.C. LONERGAN, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POLICY DIVISION, TO J. WHITTEM, COUNSELLOR (SCIENTIFIC) IN THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE APPROPRIATE EXCERPTS PLUS A COVERING EXPLANATORY LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE BEING TRANSMITTED AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. RECORD OF CONVERSATION IN DFA IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

4. COMMENT:ONE OF PASSAGES IN THE LONERGAN-WHITTEM LETTER IS PERHAPS WORTH QUOTING IN THIS CABLE, RATHER THAN WAITING
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FOR THE RATHER SLOW PROGRESS OF AIRGRAM TRANSMITTAL: "IT WAS STRESSED THAT WE HAD PROGRESSED AUSTRALIA'S PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AT THIS EARLY STATE (ALTHOUGH WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON A DRAFT MOU) AND SAW THE BALL NOW IN THE U.S. COURT INSOFAR AS THE NEXT STEP SEEMED TO BE A FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM THE U.S. AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS". IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SLO

LONERGAN AGAIN CONFIRMED THIS VIEW, SAYING THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL BY THE USG WOULD BE NEEDED IN ORDER GET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT "OFF THEIR DUFFS AND TALKING IN GENERALITIES AND MAKE THEM FOCUS ON THE ISSUES." HE SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS WOULD BE WORKED OUT ON ALL ISSUES, THAT THINGS WOULD REMAIN ON DEAD CENTER "DOWN UNDER" UNTIL THERE WAS A FORMAL U.S. PROPOSAL.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION ANOTHER PASSAGE WORTH QUOTING IS THE FOLLOWING: "FOREIGN AFFAIRS MENTIONED THEY WOULD BE LOOKING TO THE U.S. TO INDICATE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF STORMFURY FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN REGION." ALTHOUGH WE DOUBT WHETHER DFA WOULD RELY SOLELY ON U.S. FURNISHED MATERIAL, IT IS ANOTHER INDICATION -- IT SEEMS TO US -- THAT LITTLE MORE WILL BE DONE DOWN HERE UNTIL A FULLY DETAILED U.S. PROPOSAL IS FORTHCOMING.
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